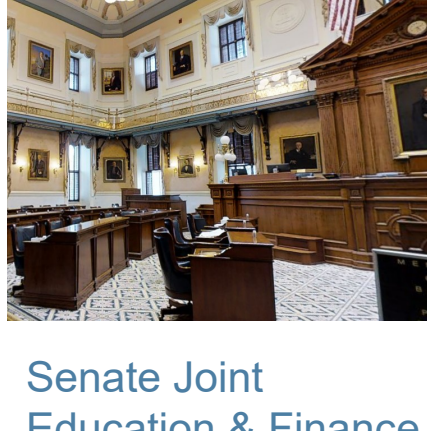


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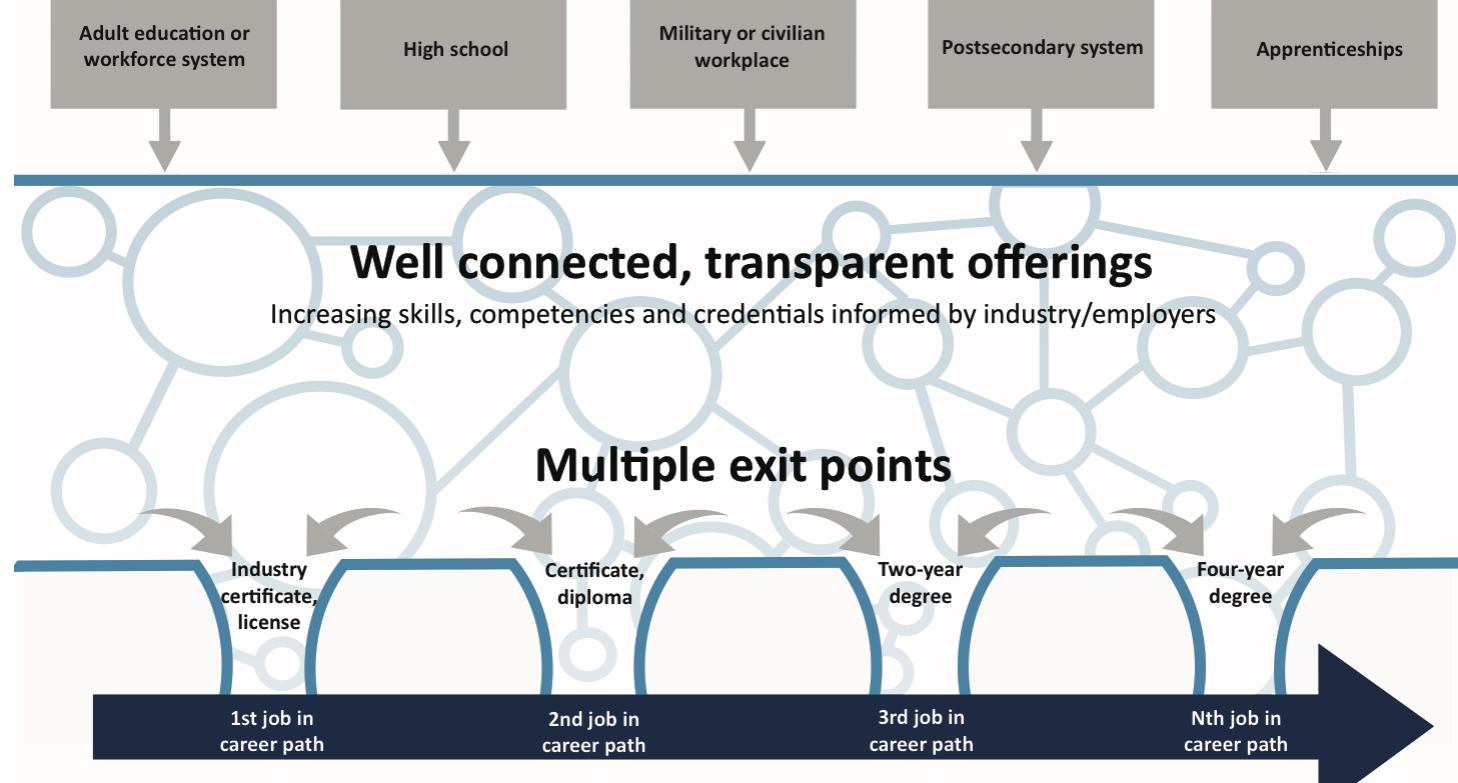
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CHE-DEW Sector Strategies Talent Pipeline

The CHE and the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) are working together to advance a statewide initiative called "[Sector Strategies](#)." Sector Strategies is an effort to develop and sustain a skilled talent pipeline that will align with the state's business and industry needs. The plan tracks five high-demand, high-growth sectors (construction, diversified manufacturing, business and information technology, healthcare, and transportation and logistics) across the four regions of the state (Upstate, Central, Pee Dee, and South Coast).

CHE has a role in aligning the state's 33 public institutions and their academic programs with DEW's workforce regions to ensure proper training. Recently, the CHE compiled an inventory of current academic programs available in each region. Moving forward, the CHE will continue to carefully review each new academic program proposal and ensure that it aligns with the needs of students and employers in the state.

Career Pathways



EEDA Committee Meeting

The Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) Coordinating Council met on October 25th, the first meeting of the Council following the establishment of subcommittees. CHE's Director, Jeff Schilz, who chairs the Articulation, Dual Enrollment, High School Graduation & Postsecondary Education Alignment Subcommittee, presented the subcommittee's three identified goals:

- Review opportunities to enhance and expand dual credit/enrollment for high school students throughout the state. Discussion should include ways to ensure the rigor and quality required for these programs to truly prepare students for postsecondary success.
- Assess the status of the South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Agreement Center (SC TRAC) and the South Carolina Course Alignment Project (SC CAP) for opportunities to sustain and expand course transferability and college readiness. Planning may include identifying high school dual enrollment coursework qualified for transfer (SC TRAC), and ensuring a regional focus and regional activities for SC CAP.
- Define the need for remediation at the high school level, best methods for implementation, and reduce the need for remedial intervention for college students, minimizing costs and improving time to degree.

In addition to presenting these goals to the Council, Director Schilz introduced [GetSmartSC.com](#), a new web tool designed by the CHE for students and parents. [GetSmartSC](#) serves as a comprehensive guide for anyone interested in pursuing higher education in the state, including adult learners, anyone returning to college, and military members or those transitioning out of the military, as well as traditional students. The site is a landing page, or "one-stop-shop" for anyone looking for information on entering higher education in South Carolina, increasing access for potential students of all ages and backgrounds.

All are encouraged to share this website link ([www.GetSmartSC.com](#)) with their contact lists! Comments and suggestions on how to improve the site are welcome as well.



GetSmartSC

Helping you find the Right Path

Senate Joint Education and Finance Study Committee Hearings

This month, a joint Senate Education and Finance Study Committee, which is chaired by Education Committee Chair Harvey Peeler, was appointed to consider Senator Vincent Sheheen's Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), a comprehensive higher education bill which was filed late last session and will be reintroduced in the next session.

On October 17th, CHE President and Executive Director Jeff Schilz spoke about the role of the CHE and the Commission's feedback on the HEOA. Schilz thanked the Study Committee for taking up this important issue, a conversation that all agree is long overdue. The presentation included what roles the CHE performs, such as scholarship administration, academic program approval, data collection and analysis, capital project recommendations, and what CHE does not perform, such as budget-setting, tuition and fee setting, and academic program termination.

Director Schilz reiterated the CHE's observation that a statewide entity with a statewide perspective will need to monitor institutional budgets and enrollments in the future to ensure financial stability of the entire system.

Other presenters have included two CHE Commissioners, Dr. Linda Dolny and Mr. Jim Battle, USC Columbia President Dr. Harris Pastides, Francis Marion University President Dr. Fred Carter, S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office Director Frank Rainwater, S.C. Department of Revenue Director Hartley Powell, and S.C. Education Lottery Director, Hogan Brown.

The CHE looks forward to continuing to be a part of future Study Committee discussions.



Retirement News

Two institutional presidents recently announced their retirement plans: University of South Carolina (USC) President, Dr. Harris Pastides and Tri-County Technical College President, Dr. Ronnie Booth.

Dr. Pastides has been president of USC for ten years and plans to retire on July 31, 2019.



"I'd like to congratulate Dr. Pastides and his wife and thank them for their commitment to higher education in South Carolina," said former CHE Chairman, Tim Hofferth. "He has had some wonderful accomplishments in his 10 years as President at USC, including a successful \$1 billion capital campaign and launching the innovative Palmetto College that increases accessibility for our citizens through online programming. I wish Dr. Pastides nothing but the best in retirement, but look forward to continuing to work together over the next 10 months."

Dr. Booth plans to retire effective June 30, 2019. During his tenure at Tri-County Technical College, he led many student-focused initiatives, including the Bridge to Clemson program with Clemson University, which has grown from 220 students in 2006 to 848 in 2018, and the Connect to College (now I-BEST) program for high school dropouts.



The CHE thanks both of these hard-working presidents for their dedication and service to higher education over the years and wishes them all the best in their future endeavors!

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Deadline

The CHE recently announced the deadline for submission for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Early Award Application, the first chance for students to see if they qualify. The [Palmetto Fellows Scholarship](#) is a state-sponsored scholarship to recognize the state's academically talented high school seniors and encourage them to attend public or independent colleges in South Carolina. Those awarded may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year and \$7,500 in subsequent years (more if in an eligible science/math major). Each S.C. high school and home school association has received materials for the Early Award application and students who meet eligibility criteria should contact them immediately about obtaining application information. The Early Award application deadline is December 14, 2018.



Institutional Scholarship Audits Underway

One legislatively mandated function of the CHE is to conduct lottery fund expenditure audits of institutions of higher learning in the state. FY 2018-19 Budget Proviso 3.1 states that lottery "expenditures are subject to annual verification and audit by the Commission on Higher Education on a rotational schedule not to exceed three years." In accordance with Proviso 3.1, CHE has now begun Academic Year 2017-18 audits.

The agency recently finalized 18 audits for academic year 2016-17 and, as required, submitted its findings to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Director of the Executive Budget Office.

